

(c) support means [associated with] separate from said cover for holding said cover out of contact with the wound; and

(d) reduced pressure supply means operably connected with the cover for connection to a source of suction, said reduced pressure supply means cooperating with said cover to supply and maintain said reduced pressure beneath the cover.

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43. (Amended Once) The appliance as recited in claim [42] ~~38~~ wherein said seal includes a cuff around the periphery of said cover for preventing said cover from digging into the skin during the treatment.

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60. (Amended Twice) An apparatus for treating a wound comprising:

(a) a vacuum system for producing a reduced pressure; and

(b) a reduced pressure appliance operably connected with said vacuum system for applying said reduced pressure to the wound, the appliance including:

(i) an impermeable cover adapted to cover and enclose the wound and to maintain reduced pressure at the site of the wound;

(ii) support means [associated with] separate from said cover for holding said cover out of contact with the wound;

(iii) a seal operably connected with the cover for sealing said cover to tissue surrounding the wound; and

(iv) reduced pressure supply means operably connected with the cover for connection with the vacuum system for supplying and maintaining said reduced pressure to the wound.

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72. (Amended Once) A method of treating a wound comprising the steps of:

(a) applying a reduced pressure to the wound, wherein said applying step comprises steps of:

(i) locating an impermeable cover over the wound, said cover having a suction port;

(ii) providing a separate support to support[ing] said cover out of contact with the wound;